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NAVY SHIP CRASHES RESULT OF MULTIPLE FAILURES

Report details leadership issues, harrowing scenes

BY CARL PRINE

A U.S. Navy report released Wednesday uncovered numerous failures in leadership, training and seamanship that caused deadly collisions over the summer involving the destroyers McCain and Fitzgerald.

Claiming the lives of 17 sailors, the crashes in the busy waters of the western Pacific Ocean highlight a Navy struggling to train, test, credential and deploy warships in the Japan-based 7th Fleet's area of operations, a region stretching from the Arctic south past Australia.

Adm. John Richardson

"Both of these accidents were preventable, and the respective investigations found multiple failures by watch standers that contributed to the incidents," said Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson in a written statement. "We must do better."

Vowing to ensure that such collisions never occur again, Richardson urged "our culture, from the most junior sailor to the most senior commander" to value and achieve the highest standards of performance.

"We will spend every effort needed to correct these problems and be stronger than before," he said.

Completed on Oct. 23, the 71-page unclassified report was scathing in its denunciations of the leadership teams

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For Qualcomm, there are so many tornadoes swirling around its business — ranging from its patent war with Apple to its bid to acquire NXP Semiconductors — that its solid results for its fiscal fourth quarter almost took a back seat. **Story, C1**

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Bahij Chancey holds a sign honoring his friend Nicholas Cleves at a vigil Wednesday in Foley Square in New York City. Cleves died Tuesday when a driver plowed a truck down a crowded bike path along the Hudson River.

ATTACKER MOTIVATED BY ISIS PROPAGANDA

PROBE: Investigators believe suspect began planning deadly attack about a year ago

BY BENJAMIN MUELLER & WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM

NEW YORK

Federal prosecutors Wednesday filed charges accusing the driver in the Manhattan truck attack of carrying out a long-planned plot, spurred by Islamic State propaganda videos, to kill people celebrating Halloween.

The charges, filed just over 24 hours after the deadliest terror attack on New York City since Sept. 11, 2001, placed the case in the civilian courts even as President Donald Trump denounced the U.S. criminal justice system as "a joke" and "a laughingstock."

The charges describe the driver, Sayfullo Saipov, 29, as a voracious consumer and metic-

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"We're so politically correct that we're afraid to do anything."

President Donald Trump

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REACTION: Trump assails visa program, questions toughness of U.S. justice system

BY PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump touched off a partisan debate over some of the most divisive issues in American life on Wednesday as he cited this week's terrorist attack in New York to advance his agenda on immigration and national security while assailing Democrats for endangering the country.

A day after an immigrant from Uzbekistan was arrested on suspicion of plowing a pickup truck along a crowded bicycle path in Manhattan, killing eight people, Trump denounced the U.S. criminal justice system as "a joke" and "a laughingstock," adding that he was open to sending "this animal" instead to the

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6 WOMEN ACCUSE DIRECTOR OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ABUSE

Ousted NPR news chief also faces accusations

BY JAKE COYLE & LINDSEY BAHR

NEW YORK

Hollywood's widening sexual harassment crisis has ensnared a prominent film director after six women — including actress Olivia Munn — accused Brett Ratner of sexual misconduct in a Los Angeles Times report on Wednesday.

In response, Warner Bros. severed ties with the director.

The reverberations also reached back 32 years as Oscar-winner Dustin Hoffman came forward to apologize for allegedly sexually harassing a 17-year-old intern in 1985.

Writer Anna Graham Hunter alleged in a Wednesday column in The Hollywood Reporter that the actor groped her on the set of the TV movie "Death of a Salesman" and "talked about sex to me and in front of me."

Hoffman issued a statement Wednesday, apologizing for "anything I might have done could have put her in an uncomfortable situation. I am sorry. It is not reflective of who I am."

Brett Ratner

The allegations that have rocked Hollywood also shook the media world Wednesday with the departure of Michael Oreskes as National Public Radio's news chief following sexual harassment accusations, some dating to when he was Washington bureau chief at The New York Times in the 1990s.

Oreskes had been placed on leave by NPR following a report in the Washington Post Tuesday about two women who said that he suddenly kissed them when they were dis-

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